

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Security policy update supporting at least one security service provider  
3 includes each of one or more security service providers receiving a set of new  
4 rules to be enforced as part of a new security policy. Each security service  
5 provider processes the new rules in order to be ready to begin using the new rules,  
6 but continues to use the previous set of rules until instructed to begin using the  
7 new rules. When all of the one or more security service providers are ready to  
8 begin using the new rules, they are instructed to begin using the new rules at  
9 which point all of the security service providers begin using the set of new rules  
10 substantially concurrently.

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